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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 20, 2007, for which the shortened statutory period for reply runs to May 20, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Please enter the following remarks.

Election of Group for Examination

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application, and subject to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims in two groups. Action at page 2. In response, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-18 and 21-22) without traverse for examination on the merits.

Should the Patent Office determine that an additional extension of time or any other relief is required for further consideration of this application, Applicants hereby petition for such relief, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and other fees due in connection with the filing of these papers to Deposit Account No. 07-1139, referencing the docket number indicated above.

Respectfully submitted,

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